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50th Anniversary Celebrations

A big thank you to all those who helped the Band celebrate its 50th Anniversary, it really was a year to remember. In June a dinner was held for all existing players and their families and a wonderful time was had by all. The room was filled with memorabilia and photos from the past, speeches were made by the Band's founder and President, Dennis Carney, and by our current MD, Kevin Jordan. A presentation was made to Kevin and his wife Tina who had jointly arranged the evening.

A few weeks later the Band, thanks to the help of Tenor Horn player Sheila Ellis, presented a concert at the awesome Chapel at Trinity College in Cambridge. What a day, the sun shone, and some supporters enjoyed a punting trip whilst the Band set up. The Band then gave one of their finest ever concerts before everyone retired to a roof top terrace bar to complete the day.

The final event was a concert at the Kenneth More Theatre in November where a bumper audience enjoyed an excellent programme and performance by the Band.

During the year we were so grateful to catch up with former players, including founder members Davis Hopkins and Melvyn Patten.

Raising Money for Good Causes

The Band are very proud of the work they do for Charity and to support community events. A total of nearly £3,500 was raised for good causes such as St Francis Hospice, Maggie's, St. Francis Church and St. Nicholas Church.

100 CLUB

100 Club The Band's longest fund raiser starts a new year and thanks go to Gary Thwaites for running this. Gary should have contacted all existing shareholders and we hope you will all be able to renew and carry on

The band's longest fund raiser is again being looked after by trombonist Gary Thwaites. There may be 1 or 2 shares available for the remainder of the year. £1 a month helps support the Band as well as giving you a better winning opportunity than the National Lottery!!!

Band Diary

Sunday 10th March – Baking for Brass – St Francis Church – 3.00pm

The Band is, once again, happy to help raise funds for St. Francis Church, which has been the home of the Band for most of its life. A very enjoyable afternoon of good music and homemade cakes!!! Tickets are only £5 for Adults and £1 for Children and are available on the door – refreshments can be purchased during the extended interval.

Saturday 11th May – Quiz Night – Theydon Bois Village Hall – 7.45pm

The legendary Band Quiz Night returns but this time at a new venue, it will be held at the very popular Theydon Bois Village Hall. Bring a whole table of 10 or if there are less of you we can arrange for you to be linked up with another group to make up a team. Tickets are only £7 each for this popular and fun night

Sunday 23rd June – Summer Concert – Kenneth More Theatre – 7.00pm

This is the first summer concert we have held at the KMT for a number of years and we hope we can build on the recent increase in audience numbers at this venue. The content of the programme will be mainly around the music from Stage and Screen. We have new arrangements of a popular James

Bond theme tune and Queen's Greatest Hits which will appear alongside music from the wonderful Andrew Lloyd-Webber and many, many more favourites.

With free parking a short walk from the Theatre this is a chance to see the Band at an excellent venue

Ticket details from the Theatres Box Office 0208 -553 – 4466

<https://www.kmtheatre.co.uk>

Saturday 6th July – Brass on the Grass - St. Nicholas Church Kelvedon Hatch – 7.00pm

The Band has once again been invited to play at this event. This is a lovely outdoor concert in the extended grounds of the Vicarage. A beer and Pimm's tent together with strawberries and cream will all be available to buy on the night. Bring your own chairs and picnic – an ideal night for the whole family. Tickets will be available from the Church closer to the event. All the profits made will go to the up-keep of this lovely village Church. More ticket information will be on our website nearer the date.

Sunday 3rd November – Autumn Concert – Kenneth More Theatre – 3.00pm

Details of this afternoon concert will be released in the summer

Tuesday 17th December – Festive Crackers – Theydon Bois Village Hall – 7.30pm

Christmas may seem a long way away but this is one of our most popular concerts and again this year there were only a few tickets left – so get the date in your diary now, come along to enjoy some Christmas Music and sing some

100 Club Prize Winners 2018: Oct: Colin Handley (£15), James Marriott (£15), Nov: Gary Cook (£20), Barbara Farnham (£15), Dec: Lynne Hunt (£100), Liam (£20), Steve Smith (£15). Congratulations to all!